

REMARKS

Prior to this amendment, Claims 13-30 were pending in the application. The Examiner has rejected the claims as follows: Claims 13-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0037103 A1 to Salmi et al.

As indicated above, Claims 13, 18-22, 25, and 27-30 have been amended, Claim 16 has been cancelled, and new Claims 31-40 have been added. No new matter has been presented. Claims 13-15 and 17-40 are now pending, with Claims 13, 18, 22, 27, 39, and 40 as independent claims.

Regarding the rejection of independent Claims 13 and 22, which have been amended to recite, “the synchronization key for requesting, from the server, only presence attribute data updated after a termination of the previous connection,” these claims are not anticipated by Salmi. Amended Claims 13 and 22 recite, in part, that a client terminal generates a synchronization key having at least one of a previous session ID, which is an ID of a previous session, a client ID, and a transaction ID before a termination of a previous connection, for requesting the presence attribute data updated from the server, and transmitting the generated synchronization key to the server.

By contrast, Salmi merely describes a method in which an IM client requests, from a server, presence information of another IM client by using a GetPresence message, as shown in Figure 3A of Salmi. In other words, the GetPresence message of Salmi is merely for requesting presence information of other IM clients, but Salmi does not teach that a synchronization key for requesting only the presence attribute data updated after a termination of a previous connection, as recited in the amended Claims 13 and 22. Therefore, Salmi does not teach all of the limitations of amended Claims 13 and 22, and

therefore these claims are not anticipated by Salmi. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of amended Claims 13 and 22 is respectfully requested.

Regarding the rejection of independent Claims 18 and 27, these claims are also not anticipated by Salmi. Claims 18 and 27 recite, in part, that when a presence synchronization request is received from a client terminal, a server identifies whether the client terminal is previously connected to the server, and if the client terminal is a previous client terminal used for a previous connection, then the server checks for presence attribute data updated after the previous session ID according to the client ID and the transaction ID. Salmi does not teach this limitation. In particular, paragraph [0017] of Salmi, which is cited by the Examiner in the rejection of Claims 18 and 27, merely describes that a server receives a user's updated presence information from a client, but Salmi does not disclose identifying whether the client terminal was previously connected to the server, nor does Salmi disclose specifically checking for presence attribute data updated after the previous session ID with the client ID and the transaction ID. By checking for presence information updated after the previous connection, the present information avoids a redundant transmission of unchanged presence information already received by the mobile terminal during a previous connection. Therefore, Salmi does not teach all of the limitations of Claims 18 and 27, and therefore Salmi does not anticipate these claims. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 18 and 27 are respectfully requested.

Claims 14-15, 17, 19-21, 23-26, and 28-38 are dependent claims, and are believed to be in condition for allowance for at least the reasons given above with regard to their respective independent Claims 13, 18, 22, and 27.

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Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 13-15 and 17-40 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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